

REMARKS

This Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 9, 2005 in which Claims 1-29 and 31-40 were allowed and in which Claim 30 was rejected. Claim 30, as amended, overcomes the rejection and is presented for reconsideration and allowance.

I. Examiner Interview Summary.

On October 31, 2005, a telephonic interview was held between Examiner Potter and Applicants' attorney, Todd A. Rathe. The rejection of Claim 30 was discussed. It was tentatively agreed upon that Claim 30, as amended, overcomes the rejection based upon Pöchmüller, U.S. Patent No. 6,472,892. In particular, it was agreed upon that Pöchmüller fails to disclose or suggest means for adjustably positioning an electronic component in one of a plurality of positions relative to a circuit board in both directions along an axis substantially perpendicular to the circuit board and maintaining the electronic component in said one of the plurality of positions relative to the circuit board.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Potter for the opportunity to discuss the rejections and for Examiner Potter's suggestions for amending Claim 30 to overcome the prior art of record.

II. Rejection of Claim 30 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) Based Upon Pöchmüller.

Page 2 of the Office Action rejected Claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Pöchmüller, U.S. Patent No. 6,472,892. As noted above, during the Examiner interview held on October 31, 2005, it was tentatively agreed upon that Pöchmüller fails to disclose or suggest means for adjustably positioning the electronic component in one of a plurality of positions relative to the circuit board in both directions along an axis substantially perpendicular to the circuit board and maintaining the electronic component in said one of the plurality of positions relative

to the circuit board. Accordingly, Claim 30, as amended, overcomes the rejection based upon Pöchmüller and is presented for reconsideration and allowance.

III. Conclusion.

After amending the claims as set forth above, Claims 1-40 are now pending in this application.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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